

PART 1496—PROCUREMENT OF PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES FOR DONATION UNDER TITLE II, PUB. L. 480

1. The authority citation for part 1496 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1721–1726a; 1731–1736g–2; 46 U.S.C. App. 1241(b), and 1241(f).

2. In § 1496.5, paragraphs (b)(1) and (f) are proposed to be revised to read as follows:

§ 1496.5 Consideration of bids.

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(b)(1) *Availability of ocean service.* Prior to receipt of offers from commodity suppliers, CCC will review ocean freight information from available sources including but not limited to, trade journal newspapers, port publications, steamship publications in order to determine the availability of appropriate ocean service.

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(f) *Great Lakes ports.* Commodities offered for delivery f.a.s. vessel Great Lakes port range that represent the overall (foreign and U.S. flag) lowest landed cost will be awarded on that basis and will not be evaluated on a lowest landed cost U.S.-flag basis unless CCC determines that 25 percent of the total annual tonnage of bagged, processed or fortified commodities furnished under Title II of Public Law 480 has been, or will be, transported from the Great Lakes port range during that fiscal year.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 3, 1997.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 121

Small Business Size Standards; Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to waive the nonmanufacturer rule for power circuit breakers, disconnect switches, current and potential transformers, autotransformer, surge arresters.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is considering granting a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Power Circuit Breakers, Disconnect Switches, Current and Potential Transformers, Autotransformer, Surge Arresters. The

basis for a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for these products is that there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to supply these products to the Federal Government. The effect of a waiver would be to allow an otherwise qualified Nonmanufacturer to supply other than the product of a domestic small business manufacturer or processor on a Federal contract set aside for small businesses or awarded through the SBA 8(a) Program. The purpose of this document is to solicit comments and potential source information from interested parties.

DATES: Comments and sources must be submitted on or before February 18, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public law 100–656, enacted on November 15, 1988, incorporated into the Small Business Act the previously existing regulation that recipients of Federal contracts set-aside for small businesses or the SBA 8(a) Program procurement must provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.406(b). Section 303(h) of the law provides for waiver of this requirement by SBA for any “class of products” for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors in the Federal market. To be considered available to participate in the Federal market on these classes of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal Government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines “class of products” based on two coding systems. The first is the Office of Management and Budget Standard Industrial Classification Manual (SIC). The second is the Product and Service Code (PSC) established by the Federal Procurement Data System.

The Small Business Administration is currently processing a request for a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Power Circuit Breakers (SIC 3613, PSC 5925), Disconnect Switches (SIC 3613, PSC 5930), Current and Potential

Transformers (SIC 3612, PSC 5950), Autotransformer (SIC 3612, PSC 5950), Surge Arresters (SIC 3643, PSC 5920), and invites the public to comment or provide information on potential small business manufacturers for these products.

In an effort to identify potential small business manufacturers, the SBA has searched the Procurement Automated Source System (PASS) and Thomas Register, and the SBA will publish a notice in the Commerce Business Daily. The public is invited to comment or provide source information to SBA on the proposed waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for these classes of products.

Dated: February 6, 1997.

Judith A. Roussel,

Associate Administrator for Government Contracting.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97–NM–12–AD]

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Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes to revise an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Boeing Model 747 series airplanes, that currently requires repetitive inspections of the access doors to the midspar/spring beam fuse pins on all engine pylons to detect cracks on the external surface; repetitive inspections of each midspar/spring beam fuse pin to detect if it protrudes beyond its mating nut by a specified distance; and repair of any discrepancy found. The actions specified by that AD are intended to prevent migration of this fuse pin, which, if not detected and corrected in a timely manner, could result in failure of the engine pylon and consequent separation of the engine from the wing. This new action would increase the intervals between inspections of the access doors and each midspar/spring beam fuse pin, and consequently decrease the frequency of inspections. This proposal is prompted by new data provided the manufacturer indicating